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Via Electronic Mail/Filing

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esq.
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Letter in Lieu of Initial Comments
Docket No. 2021-349-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

We write on behalf of our clients, the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates II and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III (together, "CIGFUR"), whose petition to intervene in the above-referenced docket was granted by Chief Hearing Officer Directive Order No. 2021-153-H on December 13, 2021. In light of the Notice of Withdrawal of the Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, "Duke") filed in the above-referenced docket on January 24, 2022, CIGFUR respectfully submits this letter in lieu of initial comments.

CIGFUR is disappointed that it expended resources, as did several other intervening parties, to participate in this docket and seek to have the perspective of its member companies heard, only for Duke to subsequently withdraw its petition ahead of the filing deadline for initial comments. Recognizing that the substantive issues about which it would have filed initial comments are now most likely moot, at least with respect to Duke's Joint Petition filed in the instant docket, CIGFUR respectfully submits this letter in lieu of comments to reserve its right to file reply comments in the event that the Commission does not accept Duke's Notice of Withdrawal filed in this docket.

With best wishes, we are

Very truly yours,

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/s/ James H. Goldin
Local Counsel for CIGFUR II and III

cc: Counsel of Record (via e-mail/e-filing)

¹ Ms. Cress' motion and verified application for admission *pro hac vice* were filed in this docket on December 13, 2021.

